

THE EDWARD BENNETT WILLIAMS LAW LIBRARY

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FROM THE DIRECTOR

As we start a new academic year, it is a great pleasure to welcome you to the library. Whether it is new technology or new programs, the Georgetown Law Library continues to evolve to meet the information needs of a vibrant student body, prolific faculty, and our supporters in the Friends program. Below are just a few of the many exciting projects we have completed in the past year.

NEW INTERACTIVE TUTORIALS

Launched this month, the library's Legal Research and Writing Research Tutorials use Adobe Flash animation to provide interactive demonstrations on conducting legal research using both electronic and paper resources. I invite you to try out the tutorials and give us your feedback.



Photo by Bill Peters

Library Director Robert L. Oakley

FACULTY SCHOLARSHIP DATABASE

The library recently inaugurated the Georgetown Faculty Scholarship Database, a new web service which tracks the published scholarship of the Law Center faculty through a

searchable database. Where available, we have included links to the full-text of each work. I invite you to use this service for your own research interests.

DIGITAL PRESERVATION

In our last issue, I discussed the library's initiative to deal with the growing problem of preserving born-digital legal information. I am pleased to report that The Chesapeake Project has already identified, preserved, and provided public access to over 1,500 born-digital legal publications. This is one way that your support of the library is not only a benefit to Georgetown, but also to the nation.

WELCOME

I am grateful for your continued support of the library and its initiatives. If you are planning to attend any of the upcoming Reunion events, please join us for an exciting book signing event in the Wolff International and Comparative Law Library. Dean Alex Aleinikoff will interview Professor David Cole, who will then sign his new book, *Less Safe, Less Free: Why America Is Losing the War on Terror* (New Press, 2007). Add a visit to the Williams Library to your Reunion itinerary. We always welcome the opportunity to see our Friends.

Robert L. Oakley

JOIN US FOR REUNION 2007!

The library will host its annual book signing during Georgetown Law Reunion weekend, featuring Professor David Cole and Dean Alex Aleinikoff, on Friday, October 19, from 2:15 to 3:45 p.m. in the Wolff International & Comparative Law Library.

Is America losing the war on terror? Six years after Congress passed the Patriot Act, are we safer or more vulnerable to future terrorist attacks? And how can the rule of law be used to keep us safe and free? Professor Cole tackles these questions and others in his new book, *Less Safe, Less Free: Why America Is Losing the War on Terror* (New Press, 2007), co-authored with University of Pittsburgh School of Law Professor Jules Lobel.

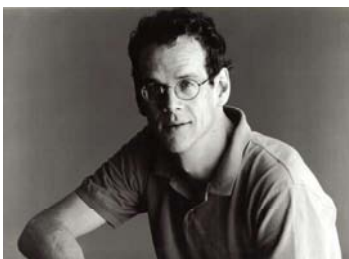


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Professor David Cole

In the first comprehensive examination of the administration's record on the war on terror at home and abroad, Cole and Lobel contend that the administration's stance on national security has actually made us more susceptible to the threat of terrorist attacks while sacrificing fundamental commitments to the rule of law. Professor Cole and Dean Aleinikoff will discuss the book in a lively interview, and Professor Cole will be available to sign copies of his book after the presentation.

The library will also host an **Open House**, featuring tours of the Williams and Wolff libraries, from 4 to 6 p.m.



NEW TUTORIALS AVAILABLE ON THE LIBRARY'S WEB SITE

New interactive tutorials on legal research topics are now available on the library's web site at www.ll.georgetown.edu/tutorials/index.cfm.

Created by reference librarians in the Williams and Wolff libraries, and geared primarily towards students in Legal Research and Writing, the tutorials cover topics such as statutory and case law research, use of secondary sources, treaty research, administrative law research, and federal legislative history research. They use flash-based animation to illustrate effective legal research techniques.

The products of months of research and implementation, each consists of several parts, most concluding with a short quiz to test what the user has learned. Many also require the user's participation in navigating a variety of legal research database simulations, including Lexis, Westlaw, and THOMAS. The tutorials provide the most current

The new tutorials were reviewed by the Georgetown Legal Research and Writing faculty and fellows, who often assign them to law students during their first year at the Law Center. Alumni, the Friends, and the public are welcome to access the tutorials on the library web site. Experienced attorneys may also find useful information in unfamiliar legal topics, or in new formats unavailable when they were law students.



information available on the resources used for fundamental legal research. They allow the user to learn at their own pace.

NEW RESEARCH GUIDES NOW AVAILABLE

The library maintains an ever evolving In-Depth Research section on its web site, with research guides on a wide variety of topics. These guides are an essential tool for researchers who are either new to the topic, or need a refresher. You can see a list of topics by visiting www.ll.georgetown.edu/research/index.cfm. The guides are open to the public and are correlated to the library collection. Here are a few new research guides that may be of interest:

Virginia Research in Depth - This guide is designed to facilitate research in Virginia law in the modern era. It explains the process of making laws, rules, and regulations in Virginia. It also identifies and describes major publications of statutory law, administrative law, case law, and second-

dary materials and explains how to use them. See www.ll.georgetown.edu/states/virginia-in-depth.cfm.

Olympics & International Sports Law - The XXIX Olympiad will be held August 8-24, 2008 in Beijing, China. This guide aids in researching the legal aspects of the Olympic Games. General international sports law resources are also included. Find out more at www.ll.georgetown.edu/intl/guides/lawolympics.cfm.

Accounting Research - This research guide describes resources in the Georgetown Law Library and on the Internet for researching U.S. and international accounting standards. Additional research guides in more specific accounting topics are also listed here. For more, go to www.ll.georgetown.edu/guides/accounting.cfm.

SUMMARY OF SPRING 2007 LIBRARY SURVEY

In the digital age, a library's quality is increasingly assessed by the services it provides to users. Each spring, the library asks users for feedback to determine how best to meet their research needs and to gauge whether library services meet their expectations.

During the spring 2007 semester, the law library conducted a survey of all law students. Over 350 students responded, explaining what they enjoyed about the library's services and resources. The survey provided insight into how they use the library and helped prioritize initiatives to continue to meet their evolving needs.

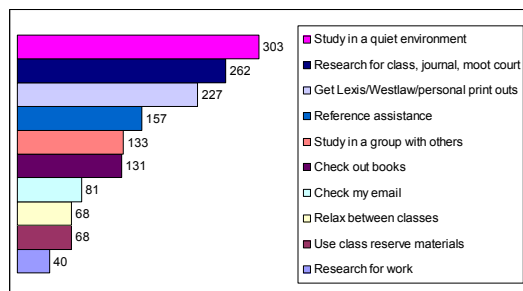
LEVELS OF SATISFACTION

In responding to the survey, the library's patrons clearly stated their satisfaction with various library services and resources currently available. The following results are of specific interest to members of the Friends of the Library program:

Research assistance - 76% of students were very satisfied or mostly satisfied with the quality of research assistance. A mere three students (less than 1%) were dissatisfied, and no one was very dissatisfied. The library is heartened by this level of satisfaction in meeting researchers' needs, and Friends are encouraged to take advantage of research assistance at our two reference desks.

Library's collection of electronic database

resources - 77% were very satisfied or mostly satisfied. 21% were neutral. Six students (just over 1%) were dissatisfied or mostly dissatisfied. When visiting campus, members of the Friends program have access to all of our electronic databases with the exception of Lexis and Westlaw. We encourage you to explore what these databases have to offer.



WHY DO STUDENTS USE THE LAW LIBRARY?

The survey asked students to identify all reasons for coming to Williams and Wolff Libraries. More than 85% of the students use the library to study in a quiet environment. An additional 75% still viewed the library as a place for serious research. More than one-third of the students visit the library to

borrow books. Finally, more than 40% of the responding students said that they come to the library for reference assistance. Clearly, students still enjoy personal interaction with professional reference librarians, although the library also provides reference help by phone, via e-mail, and through an online chat service.

Detailed survey results, including the library's response to specific student comments, are available at www.ll.georgetown.edu/students/2007studentsurvey.cfm. The law library is very pleased with the survey responses and with the tremendous feedback on how our users perceive and value our services.

LITERARY ALUMNI



Author Min Jin Lee

In her debut novel, *Free Food for Millionaires* (Warner Books, 2007), **Min Jin Lee L'93** explores the complicated relationship between second-generation U.S. immigrants and their parents. Published this spring, the novel has drawn comparisons to 19th century English literary classics like George Eliot's *Middlemarch*, and its author likened to Jane Austen and the Brontës.

Set in New York during the 1990s, the story is centered on Casey Han, a young Korean-American woman struggling to find her identity between the world of upper class, Ivy League-educated New Yorkers and her very traditional Korean parents who are determined to maintain their

culture. The novel explores issues of class and society through the voice of an omniscient narrator, detailing the thoughts and emotions of a sweeping cast of both central and peripheral characters.

The New York Times Review of Books calls it an "engrossing and accomplished first novel," and *Publishers' Weekly* praises it as a "noteworthy debut...Lee's take on contemporary intergenerational cultural friction is wide-ranging, sympathetic and well worth reading."

Lee earned her undergraduate degree at Yale where she was awarded the Henry Wright Prize for Nonfiction and the James Ashmun Veech Prize for Fiction. After graduating from the Law Center, she worked in corporate law for several years before writing full-time. She lives in New York with her husband and son.

TECHNOLOGY UPDATE: BROWSER TOOLBAR AND A NEW WAY TO BOOKMARK OUR CONTENT



The Georgetown Law Library recently introduced two new ways for students, alumni and the general public to use and save the library's web resources. The library has released an Internet browser toolbar, and has also introduced a bookmark feature that lets people save specific pages in more than two dozen bookmark and content sharing sites.

INTERNET BROWSER TOOLBAR

At the beginning of the fall semester, the Georgetown Law Library introduced a new and free browser toolbar. This browser works in Internet Explorer and Mozilla Firefox. The toolbar can be downloaded from www.georgetownlawlibrary.mylibrarytoolbar.com. After installing this browser toolbar, users are able to quickly search the library catalog and website. Because our researchers also rely on external resources, the toolbar provides direct search options for Google Scholar and Wikipedia.

In addition, the new toolbar has quick links to some of the most popular library resources, including live online research help, a database of law school exams, Law Center e-mail and the GoCard office. For authorized users, we also have direct links to dozens of our licensed databases that work both on and off campus.

The toolbar also includes direct links for three blogs:

- The Georgetown Law Faculty Blog, where various Georgetown Law faculty post about legal topics of interest.
- LLRX.com, a very popular site with news about legal technology and research (several Georgetown law librarians have written articles for this site).

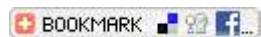
- The SCOTUSBlog, which includes news of the Supreme Court of the United States.

One of the best features of the toolbar is that it updates automatically. As we develop new library services, we can promote these and link to them directly in the browser toolbar. In less than a month of public availability, nearly 100 people have installed the free toolbar.

BOOKMARK OUR CONTENT WHEREVER YOU WANT

Readers of blogs or the online editions of newspapers like the *New York Times* or *The Washington Post*, may have noticed links next to stories that point to sites like Digg (www.digg.com), Facebook (www.facebook.com) and del.icio.us (www.del.icio.us). These are three of the most popular social networking and bookmarking sites online. These kinds of sites let people save links to stories in a central location, while allowing users to comment on the sites and share them with others.

Many Georgetown students report using sites such as Facebook or Google Bookmarks to help remember useful resources. Whenever users see this image on our website:



they can click on it and then choose from three dozen sites to save a direct link to our content. For instance, one visitor to our site might want a quick way to get back to our new Research Guide on Estate Planning. Another might want a quick way to get to all of our new research tutorials.

The library has just begun to add this bookmarking feature to our site and will continue including it on other content-rich pages in the near future.

FROM THE PAST: WILLIAMS LIBRARY IN THE MOVIES



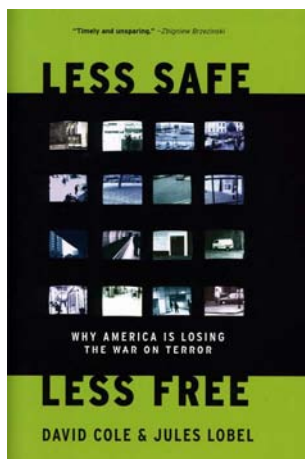
Fourteen years ago, the library played host to the cast and crew – including Oscar-winners Julia Roberts and Denzel Washington – of *The Pelican Brief* during location filming of the John Grisham bestseller. The library's Reading Room and areas in McDonough Hall were overrun with cameras and other film equipment, and about 350 students were tapped to serve as extras.



FACULTY SCHOLARSHIP DATABASE DEBUTS

The Georgetown Law Library is proud to announce the launch of our newest database: The Georgetown Faculty Scholarship database. It is a web-based catalog of our faculty's scholarship published since 2000. Currently, the database provides information on over 2,500 publications. The public is invited to search the faculty scholarship database either through the law library's website at www.ll.georgetown.edu/faculty/publications.cfm or through the faculty's own profile web pages at www.law.georgetown.edu/faculty/.

Through this web-based service, the public can see a list of all scholarly publications from our faculty, specifically all their books, book chapters, journal articles and book reviews in scholarly journals, as well as Supreme Court Briefs and Congressional Testimony. Users may also link to the full-text of many of these publications via Lexis, Westlaw, HeinOnline or through free Internet sources such as BEPress and SSRN.



The database contains over 2,500 items, including Professor David Cole's new book, which will be the subject of the library's book signing at Reunion 2007.

Alternatively, the public can use the service to evaluate all the publications by year, span of years, format, or journal title. It is possible to search for everything published by our faculty during a given year, all books published by faculty, or even every work published by our faculty in a specific journal.

Finally, the data from this service is automatically incorporated into the faculty's individual profiles. As the library adds more publications onto its own database, the faculty profiles integrate that data.

The service is the result of the cooperation of several departments in the law library as well as the faculty themselves. The library's Electronic Resources & Services department built the database using ColdFusion software. Collectively the Reference, Faculty Services, and Special

Collections librarians continuously monitor several bibliographic indexes and databases to track faculty publications. Finally, the librarians work closely with the faculty who notify us of any new publications.

This service illustrates just one way that the library gauges how we can better meet the prolific research needs of the Georgetown Law faculty and publicize their work. By tracking faculty scholarship we can pinpoint information resources that will help the faculty further their scholarly pursuits and advance Georgetown's voice in legal scholarship. In providing links to the full text the library is also helping to promote their scholarship to the world.



Incoming 1Ls at the Library's orientation session

Photo by Barbara Monroe

PRESERVING ORAL HISTORIES IN THE NATIONAL EQUAL JUSTICE LIBRARY

One of the highlights of the National Equal Justice Library (NEJL) is its collection of video oral histories. Conducted by fellow legal services attorneys, the interviews document the personal experiences of leading figures in legal services history, including: Hillary Rodham Clinton, who served as chair of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation; Tom Ehrlich, first president of the Legal Services Corporation and former president of Indiana University; and Clinton Bamberger, first director of the Office of Economic Opportunity's Office of Legal Services. The oldest of the videotapes are nearly 20 years old, making their care and preservation a priority for the NEJL. Most interviews were recorded on VHS tapes (acetate film), an unstable medium with a short lifespan. When playing the tapes now, decomposition is obvious and both sound and picture qualities are deteriorating rapidly.

It was timely that the Southeastern Library Network (SOLINET) offered "Preserving Oral Histories" this past July. The two-hour class covered such topics as choosing among storage options, identifying preservation challenges, migration, and selecting recording equipment. The bulk of the interviews have been transferred to DVD, and transcripts are being prepared. The longevity of the oral histories, however, remains one of NEJL's primary concerns. The lessons learned in the SOLINET class helped focus on the collection's specific preservation issues and prompted creation of a conservation program:

Condition Assessment - Regularly check containers and media for damage and odor (when acetate film decays, it has a strong vinegar odor). If the item is in good condition, play it to check sound and video qualities.

Storage and Housing - Make sure the electronic media are housed in acid-free, archival-quality boxes and cases.

When labeling DVDs and CDs, write on the clear inner circle where no data is stored. Master copies should be stored separately from use and dubbing copies.

Transcribing - Paper transcriptions of the oral histories should be on acid-free paper stored in acid-free folders and boxes. Electronic copies should be saved in at least two different formats (e.g., Word and PDF) and multiple copies should, ideally, be stored in separate locations.

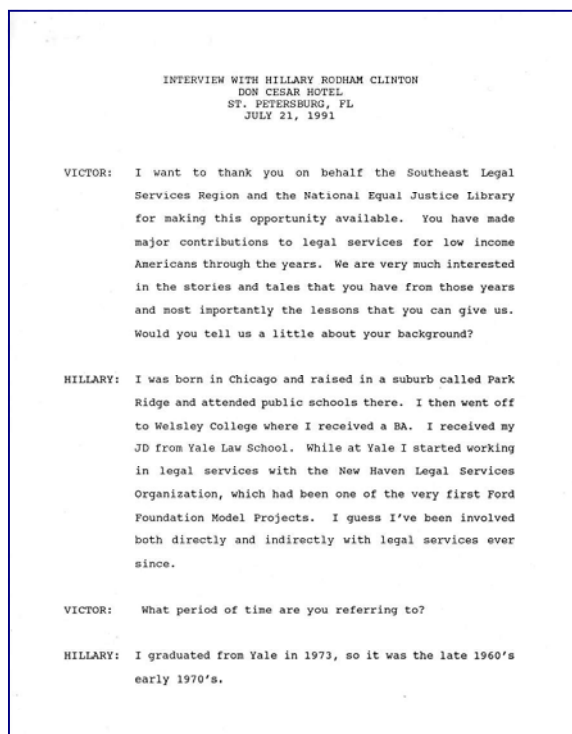
Reformatting - Use the highest quality media available, within budget constraints. When converting to DVD or CD, the best-practice standard for the human voice is a sample rate of 96 kHz and a bit-depth of 24 (standard CDs are at 44.1/16).

Recording Interviews - The NEJL will soon be conducting a new round of interviews, and it is never too early to start considering preservation. Audio is preferable to video because it uses less equipment, but since video is the standard for the collection, high quality, long lasting originals can be created by ensuring the following: Use an external microphone to get the best sound quality; record at the

standard speed; test equipment before recording; run tape a few moments before beginning interview; and state the names of the interviewer and interviewee, location, and date at the start of the interview.

Preservation is costly and time-consuming but making the best use of the resources available can prevent catastrophic damage. These oral histories are one of the most popular collections in the NEJL so it is all the more important to observe sound preservation strategies.

"Preserving Oral Histories" was conducted by Kara M. McClurken of SOLINET Preservation Services based in Atlanta, Georgia. For more information, visit www.solinet.net/.



Transcript of interview with Hillary Rodham Clinton in 1991

THE CHESAPEAKE PROJECT: PILOTING ONLINE LEGAL INFORMATION PRESERVATION

Last year alone, the digital information online that was created, captured, or replicated equaled about three million times the information in every book ever written. With this explosion in digital information, there is a corresponding surge in digital legal materials. Although these electronic materials are quite convenient to today's tech-savvy patrons, they also pose a new and unprecedented challenge for those concerned about the long-term preservation of legal information.

Of particular concern are legal materials published directly to the web with no print counterpart. As URLs change and web pages are updated through routine web site maintenance activities, access to these publications can be lost forever.

As of September, more than 1,500 digital items have been harvested from the Internet and preserved by The Chesapeake Project. The Georgetown Law Library alone has preserved nearly 600 items representing 327 legal publications, originally published online and at-risk for permanent loss.

In response to this preservation challenge, the Georgetown Law Library has stepped forward with an innovative solution: The Chesapeake Project.

In collaboration with two partner law libraries in the Chesapeake Bay region — the state law libraries of Maryland and Virginia — the Georgetown Law Library launched The Chesapeake Project as a two-year pilot digital preservation program in March 2007. Through the use of a shared digital archive, The Chesapeake Project aims to stabilize, preserve, and provide permanent access to legal materials published online.

As The Chesapeake Project libraries discover important legal publications online, they download these items from the Internet using a harvester, a tool that captures files and web pages from specific websites and domains. These harvested legal publications are then uploaded and stored, alongside their preservation records, within a shared digital repository, the OCLC Digital Archive. OCLC, the nonprofit Online Computer Library Center, administers and maintains the digital archive. In case disaster strikes at the primary OCLC repository, back ups of archived files are kept at a second, offsite facility.



In a democratic society, the assurance that scholars and citizens have access to legal materials over time is just as important as the act of preserving those materials. Thus, the legal resources archived through The Chesapeake Project are accessible and available for use by library patrons, as well as by public users with Internet access.

The Project provides access to the material through digital archive links that connect users directly to the archived files. These links are added to both the local library catalog and to WorldCat.org, the world's largest catalog, to ensure global access.

As a two-year pilot, The Chesapeake Project's initial phase is slated to end in 2009, but the goals and ambitions of the project span well beyond the pilot phase. The Project strives to lay the foundation for a national movement among state and university law libraries to prevent the widespread loss of legal information in digital formats. Ideally, the standards, policies, and practices established through the pilot will guide a future collaborative and nationwide preservation program for legal resources.



Sarah Rhodes, Digital Preservation Librarian

As stewards of society's legal information, it is imperative that libraries work to ensure that the legal material published online today will be available for tomorrow's

researchers, scholars and practitioners. The Georgetown Law Library has assumed a leadership role in addressing this new preservation challenge.

For more information about The Chesapeake Project, visit www.aallnet.org/committee/lipa/ChesapeakeProject.asp or contact Digital Preservation Librarian Sarah Rhodes at sjr36@law.georgetown.edu or 202/662-4065.

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Tours

Tours of the Williams and Wolff libraries can be arranged by calling Sara Sampson at 202/662-9144 for Williams library tours, and Marylin Raisch at 202/662-9159 for Wolff library tours, or by inquiring at the Williams or Wolff Reference Desks.

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